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Mrs. Effa Manley
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My dear Mrs. Manley:

Your letter of October 26th reached me today and I must say that I have not heard a word from Mr. Tom Wilson. I am quite sure he will talk with Gottlieb and Posey before he acts. I pause here to say that I appreciate so much the interest you have taken in this matter.

Several people have urged me to see Commissioner Chandler, but I do not agree. I think Mr. Frick, the President of the National League is the one to see and then if he doesn't act call upon Mr. Chandler. I am adverse to going over a man's head without first consulting him. The National and the American Leagues make the laws and a commissioner sees that they are carried out.

From the newspaper reports, President Frick will be in Chicago the latter part of this week and I am going to see if I can arrange a conference with him. Somehow I believe we will get results from him. I have talked with three or four of the major league owners and they are not in accord with Rickey to say the least. What I mean is, they think that he should have gotten Robinson through the Kansas City Monarchs owners with the proper compensations. I have Tom Baird's assurance that whatever they offer for Robinson he will accept it. What we are trying to do is to set up a principle for the ones to follow. There will be no price named, for we are not going to jeopardize Robinson's chance. If they say \$500.00 or \$5,000.00, all well and good, we will accept it. We won't have it said of us that we asked too much for Robinson and they will have to let him return to the Kansas City Monarchs. BUT when they get other players, if they get them, we will place a reasonable price on them and demand it.